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1 Claims 1-37: CANCELLED

1 38. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-implemented~~ method for a service
2 provider to enable cost-sharing of a host subscription fee for a client's
3 collaboration community, where in which the client and its collaboration
4 partners communicate with others online, the method comprising:
5 through use of network enabled systems, executing an enterprise application
6 to perform steps of:
7 identifying at least a portion of the collaboration community;
8 identifying each partner in the collaboration community that is to
9 potentially become a subscriber of the hosted enterprise solution as part of
10 being in the collaboration community;
11 determining a value based on applying a predetermined function to a
12 subscriber subscription fee, wherein the value indicates a modification to the
13 host subscription fee for the client using the hosted enterprise solution;
14 ~~using the value to determine a subscription fee for each subscriber;~~
15 ~~calculating a balance of updating relevant information that affects the~~
16 ~~client's host subscription fee for the client's collaboration community~~ based at
17 least in part on the value; and
18 communicating the balance of the host subscription fee to the client for
19 payment over ~~a the~~ network.

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1 39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of determining whether the client has interest in modifying the host
3 subscription fee by cost-sharing the host subscription fee.

1 40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of enabling the client to decide whether one or more of the partners in
3 the collaboration community are capable of electing to become subscribers.

1 41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the step of
2 enabling the client to decide whether one or more of the partners in the
3 collaboration community includes enabling the client to decide based on a
4 standard and open policy provided by the service provider.

1 42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein each
2 subscriber is of one of two or more types of subscribers. .

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1 44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of enabling the client to select one or more partners from the
3 collaboration community that are allowed to become subscribers.

1 45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the step of
2 enabling the client to decide whether one or more partners in the collaboration
3 community includes enabling the client to decide based on a standard and
4 open policy provided by the service provider to the client.

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1 46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of
2 identifying each partner in the collaboration community includes
3 accommodating changes to how many partners comprise the collaboration
4 community,

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1 48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein for one or
2 more subscribers, the subscription fee and the value are different amounts.

1 49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of accounting for any partner in the collaboration community who
3 changes its status in regards to being or not being one of the subscribers.

1 50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the host
2 subscription fee is at least partially contributed to by a non-subscriber who
3 uses the hosted enterprise solutions.

1 51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted
2 enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges to non-subscribers,
3 subscribers and clients.

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1 56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of enabling the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise
3 solution for one or more partners who are subscribers.

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1 57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of enabling the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise
3 solution for one or more partners who are non-subscribers.

1 58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising
2 the step of providing the hosted enterprise solution to at least a portion of the
3 collaboration community over the network.

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1 59. (Currently Amended) An online system for a host service provider to
2 enable cost-sharing of a host subscription fee for a hosted enterprise solution,
3 wherein the hosted enterprise solution is for a client's online collaboration
4 community in which of a client, where at the client and its collaboration
5 partners work together communicate with each others online, wherein the
6 system comprises:

7 an executable enterprise solution comprising one or more modules
8 configured to:

9 use information provided by the client to generate a list of
10 the partners that define, at least in part, the collaboration
11 community of the client;

12 identify each partner in the collaboration community that is
13 to become a potential subscriber of the hosted enterprise solution
14 as part of being in the collaboration community;

15 calculate a value based on applying a pre-determined
16 function to a subscriber subscription, wherein the value indicates
17 represents a modification to the host subscription fee for the client
18 using the hosted enterprise solution;

19 use the value to determine a subscription fee for each
20 subscriber; and

21 update relevant information that affects the client's host
22 subscription fee based at least in part on the value; of the
23 subscription fee for one or more subscribers;

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24 provide the relevant information that affects the host
25 subscription fee ~~online for use by~~ to the client; and
26 allow the client to manage the host subscription fee over the
27 network.

1 60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system
2 for cost-sharing is offered to the client as an option.

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1 62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or
2 more modules are configured to provide the client with flexibility to decide
3 which partners within the collaboration community can elect to become
4 subscribers.

1 63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the one or
2 more modules are configured to communicate a standard and open policy for
3 facilitating the client in deciding which partners can elect to become
4 subscribers.

1 64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to provide the client with an ability to decide which partners that
3 comprise the collaboration community are not invited to become subscribers.

1 65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 64, wherein the ability to
2 decide which partners that comprise the collaboration community are not

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3 invited to become subscribers is based on a standard and open policy of the
4 host provider.

1 66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or
2 more modules are configured to track partners that decline subscriptions.

1 67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to allow the client to manage activities of partners in relation to
3 becoming subscribers and participating in the collaboration community.

1 68. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to receive a given subscriber's credit card information.

1 69. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein a partner
2 subscription corresponding to the subscription fee can be of more than one
3 type.

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1 71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to allow the client to create an invitee list related to the
3 collaboration community.

1 72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to generate invitations to all invitees.

1 73. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to urge invitees to come to a partner subscription decision.

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1 74. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to track the host subscription fee as it is modified by the
3 subscription fee of a given subscriber.

1 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to track the host subscription fee that is at least partially
3 contributed by a non-subscriber for using the hosted enterprise solution.

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1 78. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein a
2 subscription fee of the partner and the value are different amounts.

1 79. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured to track the host subscription fee that is at least partially
3 contributed by the client for using the hosted enterprise solution.

1 80. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted
2 enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges for subscribers, non-
3 subscribers and clients.

1 81. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 80, wherein privileges to
2 different users under different subscription plans are different.

1 82. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted
2 enterprise solution is a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software
3 solution.

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1 83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted
2 enterprise solution is a document workflow enterprise collaboration software
3 solution.

1 84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 80, wherein collaboration
2 privileges for subscribers can be different than that of non-subscribers.

1 85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured so that the client can modify a collaboration community
3 membership that the client defined.

1 86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured so that the client can restrict rights of usage of the hosted
3 enterprise solution of one or more subscriber in its collaboration community.

1 87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured so that the client can restrict rights of usage of the hosted
3 enterprise solution of a non-subscriber in its collaboration community.

1 88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is
2 configured so that at least one or more partners are capable of independently
3 altering a corresponding subscription status.

1 89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted
2 enterprise solution is accessed by the client and the partners via the network.

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1 90. (Currently Amended) ~~An computer-implemented-online~~ method of
2 implementing a reward program by a service provider for the benefit of any one
3 of one or more clients that have purchased a host subscription for ~~an client's~~
4 online collaboration community, where a in which the client and its
5 collaboration partners communicate with others online, - the method
6 comprising:

7 through use of network enabled systems, executing an enterprise application to
8 perform steps of:

9 identifying a ~~plurality of partners of each client, wherein the plurality of~~
10 ~~partners comprise the collaboration community of that client at least a portion~~
11 of the collaboration community;

12 setting, based on a pre-determined formula, an external revenue goal for
13 each client by a value generated by a partner subscription of one or more
14 partners in the client's collaboration community;

15 offering the external revenue goal to the one or more clients; and

16 —enabling each of the one or more clients to earn a value that can be
17 incorporated into a host subscription of that client.

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19 91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the reward
20 program is offered to the client as an option.

1 92. (Currently Amended) ~~An online A-computer-implemented~~ method
2 for a client to manage a subscription fee for a host enterprise solution for an

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3 client's online collaboration community in which the
4 its collaboration partner communicate with others online, the method
5 comprising:

6 on a system, executing an enterprise application to perform steps of:
7 defining-identifying a the partners of the collaboration community of
8 partners, wherein individual partners in the collaboration community are to
9 use at least a part of the service as part of being in the collaboration
10 community, the service being provided at a cost;

11 identifying, from at least the collaboration community, a plurality of
12 invitees for sharing a cost of the service;

13 requesting each of one or more of the plurality of invitees to decide to be
14 in the collaboration community as a paying partner for the service, so that for
15 at least one of the one or more paying partners, an obligation of the client for at
16 least some of the cost is reduced.

1 93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, wherein the step of
2 defining a collaboration community includes providing a list of the plurality of
3 partners to the host.

1 94. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, further comprising
2 the step of making a determination as to whether at least some of the partners
3 in the collaboration community should be requested to become paying
4 partners.

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5 95. (Currently Amended) An online system for enabling a client to
6 manage a subscription fee for a host enterprise solution with a client's online
7 collaboration community, where a in which the client and its collaboration
8 partners communicate with others online. the system comprising:
9 an executable enterprise solution comprising one or more modules
10 configured to:
11 define a collaboration community of partners, wherein individual
12 partners in the collaboration community are to use at least a part of the
13 service as part of being in the collaboration community, the service being
14 provided at a cost;
15 identify, from at least the collaboration community, a plurality of
16 invitees for sharing a cost of the service; and
17 request each of one or more of the plurality of invitees to decide to
18 be in the collaboration community as a paying partner for the service, so
19 that for at least one of the one or more paying partners, an obligation of
20 the client for at least some of the cost is reduced.

1 96. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 95, wherein the one or
2 more modules are configured to define a collaboration community by providing
3 a list of the plurality of partners to the host.

1 97. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 95, wherein the one or
2 more modules are configured to make a determination as to whether at least
3 some of the partners in the collaboration community should be requested to
4 become paying partners.

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